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Mr. Jerald D. Knopf  
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Dear Mr. Knopf:

This is in response to your letter of December 21, 1998 regarding the applicability and use of Reed's Nautical Almanac, as related to the Eighth Coast Guard District and offshore supply vessels. The Coast Guard does not endorse, nor do we desire to be perceived as endorsing any one commercial product. However, it is Eighth Coast Guard District policy to accept Reed's Nautical Almanac as an applicable current extract of the U.S. Coast Pilot, Coast Guard Light List, Tide Tables and Current Tables. This, however, assumes that the current edition for the geographic area being transited is carried on board. In addition, a current edition of Reed's Nautical Companion may be accepted as a copy of the inland and international navigation rules. Please note that this district's policy is applicable only to the geographical area of responsibility under the jurisdiction of the Eighth Coast Guard District.

Offshore supply vessels may carry a current copy of Reed's Nautical Almanac to meet parts of the federal carriage requirements for navigation information detailed in 46 CFR 97.05-5; 46 CFR 130.330; 33 CFR 164.30 and 33 CFR 164.33.

In addition, carriage of Reed's Nautical Almanac does not relieve the vessel master from carrying charts, notices to mariners, or other publications specified in the applicable regulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. T. Desmond".

C. T. DESMOND  
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard  
Chief, Marine Safety Division  
By direction of the Commander  
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